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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER We had mild weather in Nebraska Monday through Wednesday, but unseasonably low temperatures Thursday through Sunday resulted in weekly means ranging from four to eight degrees below normal. Light freezes occurred in the west and north.

The week was cloudy with frequent light showers. Showers fell somewhere in the State every day and were reported from all sections on three days. A little snow was mixed with the rain in the west. Amounts were generally small in the northern half of the State, but totals at many points in the southern half exceeded an inch.

CROPS Development of the wheat crop was slowed by cool weather. The crop is generally in good condition with beneficial rains falling in many areas. Heading is occurring in the south central, southeast and east. Some early fields in southeastern counties have progressed to the flowering stage.

The rains slowed planting of row crops in some areas but overall progress is normal to ahead of normal. Corn planting is about 85 percent complete. This compares to 65 percent normal and 70 percent last year. Plantings are coming up to good stands, but continued cutworm activity resulted from cool temperatures.

Progress of sorghum planting is normal with 25 percent in the ground. This is slightly behind last year when 30 percent had been planted. Warm weather is needed to speed up emergence of the crop. Nearly 20 percent of the soybeans have been planted with some starting to emerge. Last year only 10 percent had been planted. Spring small grains are making slow but good progress. Sugar beets are making good progress despite the low night-time temperatures. Thinning operations are now under way.

Alfalfa and wild hay condition remained good. Aphids are becoming a problem in some alfalfa fields in the southeast and central, with insecticide control necessary. Cutting for dehydration has started although growth has been slow. Pasture and range feed condition is mostly below average in the northeast.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition remained favorable with some cattle moving to summer ranges, but native grasses are short. There were about 91,000 head of cattle and calves shipped into the State during April. This was down 2 percent from last year's 93,000 head. The 8,000 head of sheep and lamb inshipments were up sharply from a year ago when only 4,000 moved into the State.

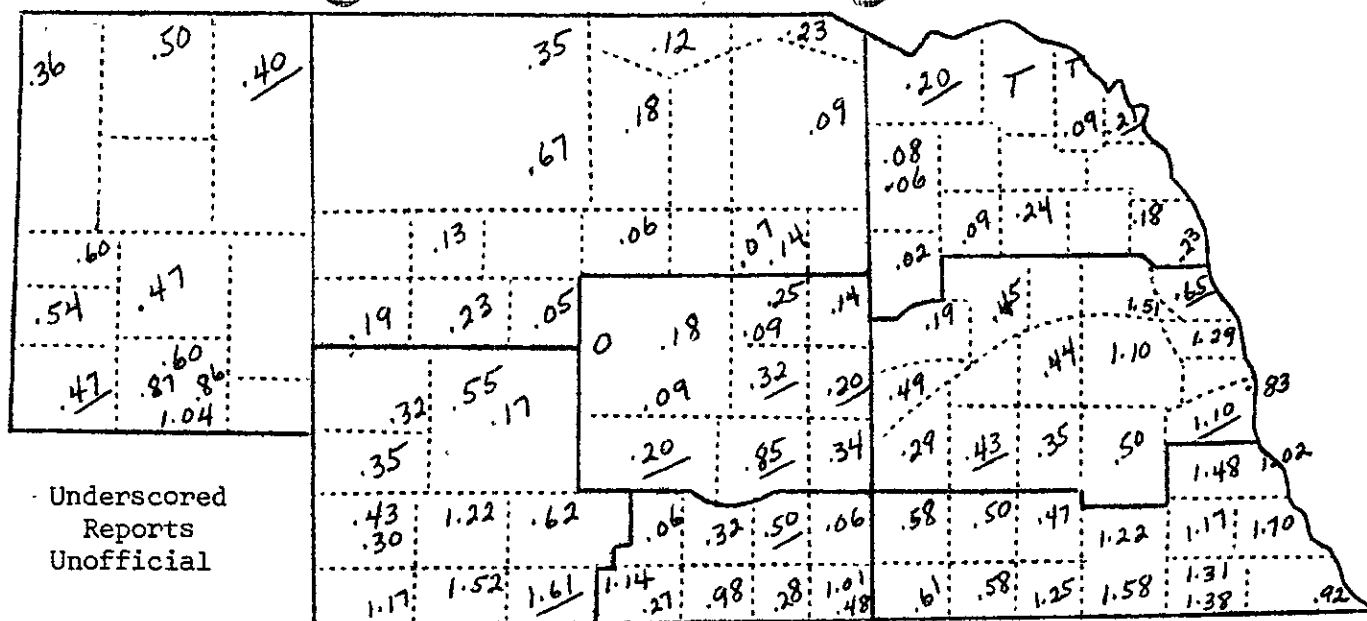
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 19, 1968

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	.34	Burwell	.07	Chadron	.46
Lincoln	.50	North Platte	.17	Imperial	.30
Norfolk	.11	Valentine	.36	Scottsbluff	.60
Omaha	1.32			Sidney	1.00
Sioux City	.30				

Precipitation, April 1 - May 17, 1968

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.62	.20	.10	.21	.64	.70	.50	.96
Total since April 1	3.83	5.23	4.03	3.82	4.95	3.11	4.25	5.24
Normal since April 1	3.35	3.76	4.13	4.01	4.25	3.55	4.03	4.64

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 1968



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		May		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	73	47	78	46	56	41	54	33	50	39	54	35	60	30		
	Scottsbluff	68	41	73	44	54	41	49	34	59	38	53	33	62	35		
	Sidney	68	38	75	46	58	35	46	31	58	35	54	31	61	37		
NC	Burwell	73	46	85	49	66	37	56	29	64	36	47	36	50	--		
	Valentine	78	47	80	50	59	39	56	35	61	38	41	36	49	31		
NE	Norfolk	70	50	85	52	75	43	57	33	63	40	45	34	51	39		
	Sioux City	78	56	87	55	81	47	62	38	61	40	49	40	57	37		
CEN	Grand Island	74	51	84	55	76	45	61	38	68	47	52	40	58	35		
EC	Lincoln	72	55	82	62	79	47	61	44	66	45	51	38	57	44		
	Omaha	76	53	79	60	79	44	60	40	62	43	48	36	59	41		
SW	Imperial	72	40	82	52	60	40	50	34	64	39	59	39	62	36		
	North Platte	73	46	80	48	65	38	52	29	64	42	52	40	57	27		

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